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Lead Update

Rhode Island Department of Human Services Adds Fourth Certified Lead Center

September 2006

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Effective September 1, 2006, East Bay Community Action Program became the fourth lead center providing non-medical case management services to significantly lead poisoned children in Rhode Island. Lead centers also provide housing advocacy and support for families, and coordinate window replacement and spot repair services. The East Bay Community Action Program lead center will service the following areas:

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| ➤ Barrington | ➤ Middletown |
| ➤ Bristol | ➤ Newport |
| ➤ East Providence | ➤ Portsmouth |
| ➤ Jamestown | ➤ Tiverton |
| ➤ Little Compton | ➤ Warren |

The Rhode Island Department of Health will refer lead poisoned children to lead centers by service area, however, families can choose to receive services from any Rhode Island Department of Human Services Certified Lead Center. If you have any questions about the referral distribution, contact Jodie Garnetto at (401) 222-4634 or jodie.garnetto@health.ri.gov.

The new case manager at The East Bay Lead Center is Luana Cherenzia. She can be reached at lcherenzia@ebcap.org. For contact information and a complete listing of areas serviced by all four lead centers, please see the reverse side of this page.

PRODUCT WATCH

The following products may contain a dangerous amount of lead:

- **Paws and Claws:** Voluntarily recalled on 8/6/06
 - Bendable cat and dog toy promotion given out by four Rhode Island library summer reading programs
 - Distributor: Fun Express Inc.
 - For more information and photos of products, visit www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06236.html
- **20th Century Fox DVD Metal Charms:** Voluntarily recalled on 5/5/06
 - Store(s) where sold: Retail stores that sell DVDs, Web retailers, and direct mail.
 - For more information, including a list of DVD titles, visit www.dvdcharmrecall.com

Revised Service Areas of Rhode Island's Four Lead Centers

Effective September 1, 2006, Rhode Island's four lead centers will receive referrals for lead poisoned children in the follow geographic areas:

Certified Lead Center	Service Area	Contact
Blackstone Valley Community Action Lead Center (BVCAP)	Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, Foster Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln, Pawtucket, North Smithfield, North Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, Woonsocket	723-4520 ext. 234
East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP)	Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Warren	848-6697 ext. 202
St. Joseph Hospital Lead Safe Center	Providence	456-4310
West Bay Community Action Lead Center	Charlestown, Coventry, Cranston, East Greenwich, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, Warwick, Westerly, West Greenwich, West Warwick	732-4660 ext. 115

Providence Water Supply Board Announces Public Education Campaign to Inform Customers of Potential Lead Hazards

Due to a slight elevation in the amount of lead in the water of some of its customers, the Providence Water Supply Board announced the launch of a public education campaign that focuses on 25,000 retail customers in Providence, Johnston, Cranston and North Providence that have lead service pipes connecting their homes to city water pipes. These customers are being advised to run their cold water until they can feel it get colder, which causes the water that has been sitting in lead pipes overnight to be flushed out. If you have questions please call (401) 521-5070. There is a \$15 fee for the test. For more information visit: www.provwater.com/lead_081706.pdf

State Warns of Lead In Toys Given Out By Four Rhode Island Libraries

Smith Hill Library (Providence), Willet Library (Saunderstown), and libraries in Barrington and West Greenwich distributed bendable toys as part of the prepackaged "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tails" summer reading program. The toys, a bendable dog and cat, were found to contain 0.4 and 0.24 percent lead; the maximum safety limit is currently 0.06 percent. The cat and dog figurines are roughly 3.75 inches in length, and are similar in shape to a lollipop. If children have these toys, it is important that parents return them immediately to their local library for safe disposal. Families should also consult with a healthcare provider to discuss the need for a blood lead screening. For more information, including photos of these toys, please visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission website:

www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06236.html

\$14-Million Development Project Led by the Providence Housing Authority

Since February, contractors have been building 65 townhouse-style units on 5 acres behind the Juanita Sanchez School and the Roger Williams Day Care Center off Thurber's Avenue. Once an area reserved for vandals and illegal dumping, the land has given way to nine tan-colored buildings and a community building that together has been named Williams Woods Place. This is the first non-public housing project ever undertaken by the Providence Housing Authority. At the groundbreaking ceremony this past February, residents of the neighborhood predicted that this project would be the catalyst for the rebirth of the South Providence neighborhood. For more information visit:

www.projo.com/ri/providence/content/projo_20060810_pha1.1edcd16.html